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SUBJECT: DRILLING NEAR THASSOS

REF: (A) ATHENS 8062, (B) ATHENS 8194

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH MFA AEGEAN/LOS AFFAIRS CHIEF RIZA TURMEN SEPTEMBER 7, EMBOFF REVIEWED EARLIER EXCHANGES HE HAD HAD WITH HALIL DAG (TURMEN'S DIRECT SUPERIOR) CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS THAT THE GOG HAD CONDUCTED DRILLING OPERATIONS NEAR THASSOS OUTSIDE OF GREEK TERRITORIAL WATER. EMBOFF SUMMARIZED INFORMATION IN REFTELS AND SAID THAT ACCORDING TO THE BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT GOG HAS CONDUCTED ALL OF ITS DRILLING OPERATIONS NEAR THASSOS INSIDE GREEK TERRITORIAL WATERS.

2. TURMEN IN RESPONSE SAID THAT GOT INFORMATION WAS BASED ON COMMERCIAL SOURCES. HE THEN PRODUCED A MAP WHICH WAS PREPARED BY THE FORIEGN SCOUTING SERVICE OF A GENEVA-BASED COMPANY ANMED PETROCONSULTANTS. THE MAP WAS DATED OCTOBER 1975 AND APPEARED TO BE A RATHER COMPLETE  
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RECORD OF OIL EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN THE AEGEAN. IN

THE AREA NEAR THASSOS, SEVEN DRILLING SITES WERE DISPLAYED. SIX OF THESE WERE CLEARLY BETWEEN THASSOS AND THE GREEK MAINLAND AND THEREFORE IN GREEK TERRITORIAL WATERS. THE SEVENTH WHICH WAS LABELED EAST THASSOS WAS IN FACT DUE EAST OF THE ISLAND OF THASSOS AND APPEARED TO BE WELL IN EXCESS OF TEN MILES FROM BOTH THASSOS AND THE GREEK MAINLAND. TURMEN SAID THAT THE ONLY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HE COULD PROVIDE WAS THAT DURING THE RECENT SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATES, THE GOT REPRESENTATIVE HAD ACCUSED GREECE, INTER ALIA, OF CONDUCTING DRILLING OPERATIONS OUTSIDE OF ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE AEGEA. ACCORDING TO TURMEN, THE GREEK REPRESENTATIVE IN RESPONSE DENIED OR JUSTIFIED EVERY OTHER TURKISH ALLEGATION BUT DID NOT MENTION THIS ONE. TURMEN SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO DISCOVER THAT HIS INFORMATION WAS FALSE.

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